forest guards in Kandara forest area falling under Kamakhyanagar Police Station in Dhenkanal District in the intervening night of January 31-February, 1,2007.

(b) The details in respect of officials of Forest Department of Orissa are given below:

	Attacks	Deaths
2002	2	–
2003	2	–
2004	–	–
2005	1	–
2006	2	–
2007* (upto 29th August)	5	4

(c) Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence primarily lies in the domain of the State Government concerned. Action is being taken continuously by the State Government to minimize such possibilities and to strengthen related security arrangements. The Central Government is also supplementing the efforts and resources of the State Government through a variety of measures, including deployment of 4 battalions of Central Para Military Forces which work under the command of the State Government, strengthening of the local police and intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, provision of assistance through the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure and sanctioning of 3 India Reserve battalions.

National Communal Harmony Award

2376. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to institute a National Communal Harmony Award and set up an international study centre in New Delhi named after Basaveshwara; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The information is being collected from the concerned Ministries and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Police firing for crowd control

2377. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions under which police firing as a method of crowd control is used;

(b) whether methods such as water canons, tear gas etc. are not used to disperse crowds before the use of bullets; and

(c) in which year these procedures were put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Sections 129 to 131 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, provide for use of force to disperse an unlawful assembly or an assembly of more than five persons likely to cause a disturbance of the public peace. The State Police Departments have issued their State Police Manuals in which these provisions have been amplified into detailed instructions. .

(b) The State Police Manuals provide for use of other means such as water canons, batons, tear gas etc. for crowd control, before the use of fire arms for dispersing the crowd.

(c) Different States have framed/amended their respective State Police Manuals on different dates.

Offices not implementing official language policy

2378. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all autonomous and subordinate offices of Government are mandatorily required to follow and implement the official language policy of the Government;

(b) if not, the names of the autonomous/subordinate offices/organizations which are not required to mandatorily implement the Government's official language policy regarding formation of Hindi Advisory Committee (HAC)/Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC); and

(c) the details of the justification given by such organizations for not setting up HAC/OLIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

FIRs against practice of untouchability in Andhra Pradesh

2379. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Scheduled Caste people who filed FIRs against practice of untouchability and against atrocities committed against them in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, sex-wise and major sub-caste-wise, specially Madigas and Malas for the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07; and

(b) the details of remedial measures already taken and proposed to be taken for speedy trial of cases of atrocities and practice of untouchability against Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh?